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	Examiner Jimmy G. Foster	Art Unit 3728



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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE three MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-10 and 12-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-10 and 12-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

- 15) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 23
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

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1. Claims 1-10 and 12-16 distinguish over the prior art.

2. Claims 1-6 and 12-16 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3, 5-9, 21 and 25 (copending claims) of copending Application No. 10/071,674. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because it would have been obvious to have made the invention of the present claims upon making the invention of the copending claims. The copending patent claims recite a drug and a HFA propellant in a pressurized container which is packaged with a desiccant in a pouch.

In addition, inasmuch as the subject matter of the copending claims is all to substantially the same disclosed embodiment, the examiner asserts that it would have further been obvious to have combined the various features claimed in the copending dependent claims in order to make the subject matter of the presently claimed invention in each of the claims of the present application.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

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3. Claims 1-6 and 12-16 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 2-5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 18 and 28 (copending claims) of copending Application No. 09/971,799. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because it would have been obvious to have made the invention of the present claims upon making the invention of the copending claims. The patent claims recite a drug and a HFA propellant in a pressurized container which is packaged with a desiccant in a pouch.

In addition, inasmuch as the subject matter of the copending claims is all to substantially the same disclosed embodiment, the examiner asserts that it would have further been obvious to have combined the various features claimed in the copending dependent claims in order to make the subject matter of the presently claimed invention in each of the claims of the present application.

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4. Claims 1-4 and 12-16 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 2-4, 19 AND 20-22 (copending claims) of copending Application No. 10/311,819. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because it would have been obvious to

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have made the invention of the present claims upon making the invention of the copending claims. The copending claims recite a drug and a HFA propellant in a pressurized container which is packaged in a pouch. Claim 19 calls for a moisture absorbent.

In addition, inasmuch as the subject matter of the copending claims is all to substantially the same disclosed embodiment, the examiner asserts that it would have further been obvious to have combined the various features claimed in the copending dependent claims in order to make the subject matter of the presently claimed invention in each of the claims of the present application.

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5. Claims 1-10, 12-14 and 16 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 and 12-14 (copending claims) of copending Application No. 10/312,073. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because it would have been obvious to have made the invention of the present claims upon making the invention of the copending claims. The copending claims recite a drug and a HFA propellant in a pressurized container which is packaged together with a moisture absorbent in a pouch.

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6. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

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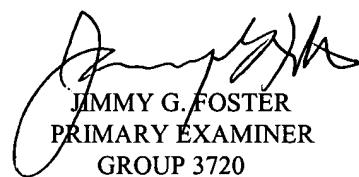
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